

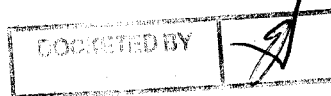


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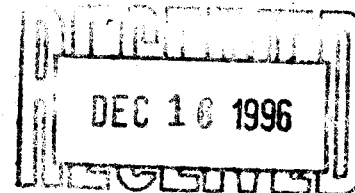
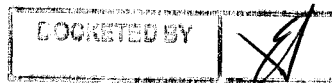
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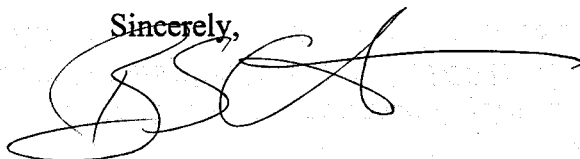
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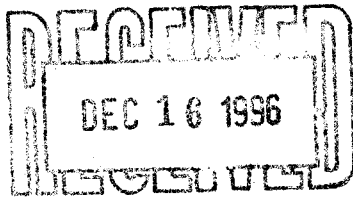


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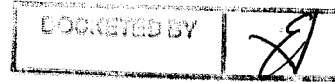


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Arizona is blessed with very abundant renewable resources, primarily sun. The Arizona Corporate Commission needs to take advantage of this moment to take a step in the positive direction for a cleaner and more sustainable environment for generations to come. Proposed in the Rule On Retail Electric Competition is a *Solar Portfolio Standard* calling for at least .5% by Jan. 1, 1999 and 1% by Jan. 1, 2002 of power sold competitively, to come from a solar thermal or photovoltaic source. This requirement is too low, the appropriate market share should be at least 4% and in some cases higher. There is a need to initiate a required renewable infrastructure in the rules infancy, to insure its potential utilization throughout the state.

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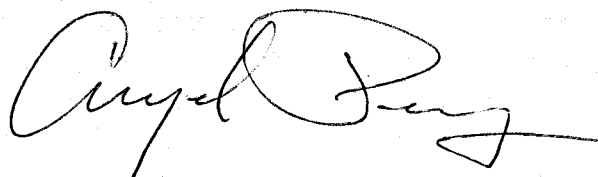
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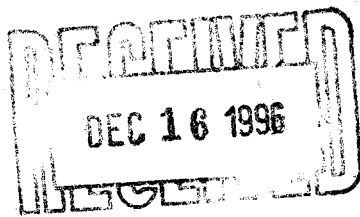
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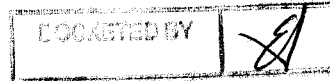
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